

lity of lists of requirements that they have to meet before a license would be granted by our own DEC, and I will do that as we get...

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, as a matter of fact, why don't you just go ahead, use the rest of my time. Those are the two questions I had, and then you will be able to lead into your time with that.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay. There are five specific performance objectives that have to be met by the contractor. The first is protection of the general population. The second is the protection from inadvertent intrusion on the property, for example, someone...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...trying to break into the facility to cause damage to the facilities. Third, the protection of individuals during the operation of the facility; fourth is the stability of the site following closure of the facility, and, fifth, the site has to have a performance assessment modeling done to evaluate the overall operation of the facility. There are also several technical commitments that have to be, or requirements that have to be met; environmental impact, design of the facility, health concerns, transportation, plans of disposal, the approval of the electrical system in the system, the retrieval system of retrieving waste. There has to be a whole chapter of other technical things, I don't have written down here in front of me, but also the financial assurance, that the operator, the contractor, U.S. Ecology in this case, has stability, financial stability, insurance and surety bonds to protect its interest. So all of these points, and there are literally chapters, as I understand it, of specific areas that have to be addressed before licensure can take place, and that is the process in which we are working at right now, and when that...all those questions will be answered is not clear. I think Senator Morrissey's argument is it appears likely that it could be awhile before all these answers, all these questions are answered before DEC would consider providing a license for the site. And once the license has or is being considered to be issued, then, of course, the state would have to take over the title to the property. So to answer Senator Kristensen's question he asked me earlier, we would not actually ever own the property until an actual license was issued. That is to say